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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

6 CAROLYN H. MALONE,

7 Plaintiff,

8 vs.

9 SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, JON
10 ENGSTROM, Police Officer, JASON BENDER,
11 Police Officer, PATRICK HASKINS, Police
12 Officer, B. CONWAY, Police Officer

13 Defendants.

14 NO. 2:19-cv-00868-MJP

15 DEFENDANTS REPLY IN SUPPORT
OF SUMMARY JUDGMENT

NOTED ON THE CALENDAR:
Friday, July 24, 2020

16 **I. RELIEF REQUESTED**

17 Defendants Seattle Police Department, and Seattle Police Department Officers Jon
18 Engstrom, Jason Bender, Patrick Haskins, and B Conway, file this Reply in support of
19 Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

20 **II. ARGUMENT**

21 Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff maintains a property interest in her Washington
22 State vehicle operator's license or that this property interest cannot be suspended or revoked
23 without due process. Defendants argue that they are entitled to summary judgment because
24 there is no evidence that Defendants participated in the suspension or revocation of Appellant's
25 vehicle operator's license regardless of whether the suspension or revocation was with due
26 process or not.

1 **A. Plaintiff fails to establish a *Monell* claim**

2 Plaintiff's response fails to identify any municipal policy, custom, or practice, that
 3 caused or contributed to the suspension of her Washington State vehicle operator's license and
 4 Plaintiff cannot maintain a *Monell* action against the City without this evidence. It is
 5 Plaintiff's burden to present evidence to establish a direct causal link between the municipal
 6 action and the alleged constitutional deprivation. *Board of County Commissioners v. Brown*,
 7 520 U.S., 397, 416, 117 S.Ct. 1382, 137 L.Ed.2d 696 (1997). Here, the only evidence before
 8 the Court is that Plaintiff's license was suspended because she failed to present medical
 9 evidence as requested by the Washington State Department of Licensing. There is no evidence
 10 that a Seattle Police Department policy, custom, or practice caused or contributed to the
 11 Washington State Department of Licensing's decision and for this reason Plaintiff's *Monell*
 12 claim against the City should be dismissed.

13 **B. Plaintiff fails to establish that the individual Officers participated in a
 Constitutional Violation**

14 Plaintiff's claims against the individual officers must be dismissed because Plaintiff
 15 fails to produce any evidence that the officers individually or collectively participated in a
 16 constitutional violation that resulted in or contributed to the suspension of her vehicle
 17 operator's license as alleged. It cannot reasonably be disputed that the exclusive authority to
 18 suspend or revoked a Washington State Vehicle Operator's License rests with the Director of
 19 the Washington State Department of Licensing. It also cannot be disputed that Plaintiff failed
 20 to present any evidence that Defendants individually or collectively caused or contributed to
 21 the Department of Licensing's decision to suspend Plaintiff's license in this case. There
 22 simply is no evidence to tether any action by the Defendant's to Appellant's license suspension
 23 and absent evidence to establish this tether, Plaintiff's claims should be dismissed.
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C. FRCP 56 (c)(4)

Plaintiff's 15-page handwritten response contains a multipage hearsay attachment without an accompanying declaration or affidavit required by FRCP 56. The response, standing alone, contains Plaintiff's contentions and not evidence that is required to defeat summary judgment. The attachment contains inadmissible hearsay that would not be admissible at trial and for that reason is objectionable. Notwithstanding the objection, even if the attachment is considered, the material contained therein does not establish that the City, through policy or practice, or that actions of the individually named officers, violated the Fourth, Fifth, or Eighth Amendments to the Constitution as alleged.

III. CONCLUSION

Neither Plaintiff's Complaint nor her response to this motion establish that Defendants committed a constitutional violation that proximately caused her harm. Plaintiff's Washington State Vehicle Operator's License was suspended, but there is no evidence that Defendants are in any way responsible for the suspension. Plaintiff has not shown that Defendants, individually or collectively, violated any rights guaranteed to her under the Fourth, Fifth, or Eighth Amendments to the Constitution and for these and all the above reasons, the Court should grant Defendant's motion for summary judgment and dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint in its entirety.

DATED this 27th day of July, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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